GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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LAND OF COASTAL AREA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether land of coastal areas of the country is non-fertile for agricultural purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the specific steps by the Government proposes to make this land useful for agricultural purposes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. As per Indian Council of Agricultural Research an area of 2.515 million ha. is affected by coastal salinity in the country which have low productivity. State-wise extent of such areas are:-

(Area in million ha.)

S.No.	Name of the State	Coastal Saline land
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.276
2	Gujarat	0.710
3	Karnataka	0.086
4	Kerala	0.026
5	Maharashtra	0.063
6	Orissa	0.400
7	Tamil Nadu	0.100
8	West Bengal	0.820
9	Goa	0.018
10	Pondicherry	0.001
11	Andaman& Nicobar Island	0.015
	Total	2.515

(c): The Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal, Haryana, and its Regional Centre at Canning − West Bengal has developed technology for reclamation of salt affected coastal and alluvial soils and to check the spread of coastal salinity. These technologies have been transferred to State Governments for adoption.